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EXPEDITION INSTRUCTIONS

While you are in the field, contact with NSRT experts will be intermittent at best. Contact with the native peoples and animals of the Amazon is to be expected and, we might add, feared. The following instructions should be utilized consistently. NSRT will have no liability in the event of psychological harm, bodily injury, or death.

INITIALIZING THE EXPEDITION: Technical Instructions

Phase I: Loading AMAZON

See insert for loading instructions.

Phase II: Identifying Your Expertise

You will be asked to identify your level of expertise. Please use one of these three classifications:

Novice: A capable, trained field agent. (One of our Novices spent three months in the Yukon searching for signs of an allegedly extinct species of bear reported on the rampage. A small plane ferrying him into the region crash-landed and burned, leaving him with down garments, a magnifying glass, a Peregrine falcon, and a hunting knife. He survived, and the bear is now in captivity.)

Seasoned Explorer: An exceptionally qualified explorer. (A Seasoned Explorer parachuted into the southeasternmost portion of the Devil's Triangle, searching for a documented but unseen island at approximately 60°W, 25° N, near the Tropic of Cancer. After days in a rubber raft, he sighted the island, landed, and discovered a cache of moon rocks presumably lost by the Soviets.)

Expedition Leader: The pinnacle of expertise, with proven mental, diplomatic, and physical prowess. (Upon conquering Everest for the second time in 1973, our most infamous Expedition Leader descended into the country of Sikkim, made her way into the inner circles of the monarchy in Gangtok, and was retained to investigate alleged drug rings sponsored by foreign governments. She left in 1975 when the country was absorbed by India.)

Phase III: Starting and Conducting the Mission

The AMAZON mission is now ready to begin. Consult the instructions on Mission Protocol and Address (attached) for information on how to conduct the mission communications. You may also choose from any of three special commands, which may be used at any time during the game.

A. Create

At any time in the mission, create a Save Disk for use in periodically storing data about your field position. In the event of a terminal accident, you may use the Save Disk to return to your previous position and resume the mission from there. (See instructions for the commands SAVE and RESTORE, below.)

To create your Save Disk:

1. Enter **CREATE** and follow the instructions on the screen.

   Beware: The program will erase any contents of a disk that is being formatted as a Save Disk.

2. The disk drive light will go off when formatting is complete. Remove your Save Disk and reinsert the game disk. You are ready to continue with the mission.

B. Save

For all but the most skilled of Expedition Leaders, the use of a Save Disk is advised. If at any point in the mission you feel your life is in danger, save your field position before proceeding. You will be able to return to that position—and rectify your mistakes—if you are unable to escape death. (See "RESTORE," following.) Without a save disk, your only choice would be to start the mission over. The program will save up to ten positions. You may identify each position as you choose.

To save your field position at any point:

1. Enter **SAVE** and follow the instructions on the screen.
2. You will be instructed to select the number of the next available position and name the location (up to ten characters).
3. Follow the instructions on the screen to resume the mission.

C. Restore

At any time you may return to a field position to your Save Disk. This is useful in two instances.

1. **In the event of a fatality**
   a. The computer will ask if you wish to play again. Follow the instructions on the screen.
   b. Enter **RESTORE** and follow instructions, selecting a field position from your Save Disk.
   c. The program will bring you to the position you chose, and you may continue from there.

2. **If you wish to resume an unfinished mission**
   a. Load AMAZON as usual.
   b. Enter **RESTORE** and follow the instructions on the screen, selecting the field position you wish from your Save Disk.
   c. The program will bring you to the position you chose, and you may continue from there.

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MISSION PROTOCOL AND ADDRESS

I. General Communiques

When communicating with AMAZON, it is important to remember that AMAZON can use more words when informing you than you can use when instructing it. Consult the following word list to see what words AMAZON understands.

AMAZON responds to succinct, precise commands. A verb (**FEED, SEARCH, TAKE**) should always start the command; and a noun, whether a person, a place, or a thing (**PACO, OFFICE, BOOK**), should follow the verb.

FEED PACO
SEARCH OFFICE
TAKE BOOK

If you like, you may use **THE** before a noun: (**TAKE THE BOOK**).

You should separate multiple nouns from each other using a comma or **AND**, such as:

TAKE THE BOOK AND THE LETTER.
TAKE THE BOOK, THE LETTER, AND THE BOX.
TAKE BOOK, LETTER, AND BOX.
TAKE BOOK, LETTER, BOX.

It is not necessary to end a command with a period.

You may include several separate actions in one command, but you must separate each action by a comma or the word **THEN**. For example:

TAKE THE BOOK THEN READ THE BOOK.
TAKE THE BOOK, OPEN THE BOOK, THEN READ THE BOOK.
SEARCH THE DESK, THE BOX, AND THE BIRDCAGE, THEN CLOSE THE DOOR.

Commands should not be over two typed lines in length. If longer commands are necessary, separate commands into logical sequence and press **RETURN** between them.

II. Improper Commands

Commands that make no sense to AMAZON, that are impossible under the circumstances, that utilize objects not present at the time, or that use unknown words, will elicit one of several responses. Should you encounter such a response, try a different phrase.

III. Communicating with Others

Except when entering NSRT Headquarters or with the Kemani, you cannot speak unless you are spoken to first. Converse with others by entering your remark as you would any other command: **HELLO** (Unnecessary: **"HELLO"** or **SAY HELLO**.)

IV. Giving Directions and Exploring

Commands for moving in any particular direction may be given in several ways. Specify directions as full sentences (**GO NORTH**), as directions (**SOUTH**), or as abbreviations (**S, N, W, E**). **UP** and **DOWN** may be abbreviated **U** and **D**.

When you come to a place you'd like to explore, enter **LOOK** for a description of your surroundings. For further details about any particular item, enter **INSPECT** ⟨name of item⟩ or **EXAMINE** ⟨item⟩.

V. Taking Inventory and Telling Time

It would be wise to check your belongings from time to time, especially when you feel you might have lost—or might soon lose—some of them. You also ought to inspect any new acquisition. Enter **INVENTORY** for a complete listing of your possessions, and, for a description of any chosen item, enter **INSPECT** ⟨item⟩ or **EXAMINE** ⟨item⟩.

While exploring the Lost City of Chak, you may learn how quickly the day is passing by entering **TIME**.

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Phase IV: Emergency Procedures

A. Laser Defense Mechanism (LDM)

Our reports from the earlier Amazon expedition confirm that a warrior tribe, the Huni, feared throughout the region and known for unspeakable atrocities to their victims, zealously guards the Lost City of Chak and its surrounding terrain. Any intruders are attacked by night. The expedition team reported utilizing to the fullest their camp defense kits, in particular the laser defense mechanism (LASER). Thus I urgently advise that any foray you make into the Lost City be concluded by dusk, so you may execute complete peripheral defenses before nightfall.

B. Restarting the Mission

To return to the beginning at any point, enter **RESTART**.

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NSRT FIELD PARTY REGULATIONS

NSRT FIELD EQUIPMENT PACKS

All Field Parties are equipped with everything they will need for field work. It is the responsibility of the Field Parties to thoroughly inventory and examine their equipment!

USE OF THE NSRT FIELD COMPUTER

All Field Parties are provided with a portable computer for use in communicating with NSRT Base.

After turning on the computer, an Input Code will be required to open transmission.

Each Field party will be informed of their Standard Input Code, and their Emergency Input Code. Standard Codes can be used at any time favorable for satellite transmission. Emergency Codes should be used only during emergencies.

Field Parties should make a note of their respective codes.

NSRT CODED FIELD MAP COORDINATES

All NSRT Field Maps are security coded for transmitting data coordinates to field operatives by satellite.

Rules for Coordinate Transmission via computer are as follows:

1. X Coordinate is always two letters (i.e., TB) and Y Coordinate is always a letter and a number (i.e., T5).
2. X Coordinate is always transmitted first (example: TB, T5).
3. Field operatives should always make a note of their location.
4. In situations where field operatives may be experiencing trouble determining their location, NSRT will transmit map coordinates at a rapid rate to assist the operatives. Remember: NSRT can locate your position anywhere on the surface of the earth within 2 meters.

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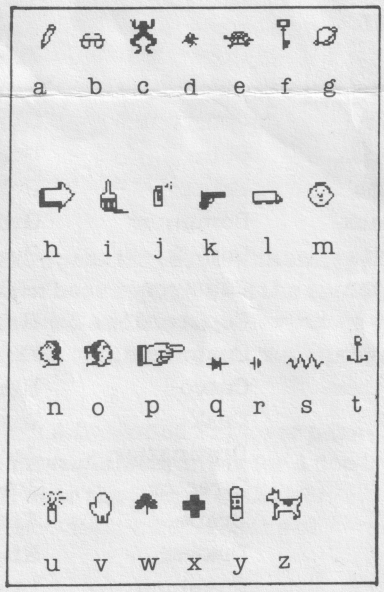
STRATEGIC NOTES

We don't expect you to be mystified or unnerved by the complex, highly dangerous situations you will encounter while on this mission. However, NSRT recognizes that even the most expert field agent may encounter obstacles while resistance is low, or in a tight spot might forget the resources available. The following strategic notes have been designed as prompts, reminders, or, if you will, a "bag of tricks" for those rare moments when you feel most human.

One general hint: If you form an association with Paco the Parrot, ask his help by entering **PACO**. In many situations, Paco can assist enormously.

At the airport: OPEN LETTER
At the jail: NO WAY OUT
At the Institute: SHOW LETTER
In the office: TOP SHELF
Getting down the cliff: COMPUTER
Deep in the jungle: COMPUTER
Outside troops' tent: WEAR GOGGLES
Later that same night: COMPUTER
Kemani: SMILE
Cave (Novice level): NORTH
(Expert level): WEAR GOGGLES
Weather turns cold: WEAR PARKA
Boat repairs: PARACHUTE
At the river (hippo): ASK PACO
Alligator: OAR
At bridge: GUN
Fighting Hunis: LASER
At the statue: NORTH WALL
At the antechamber doors: USE GRAPHIC
Soft volcanic earth: UP



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WORDLIST

NOTE: Frequently used commands are listed in **boldface.**

VERBS

Activate
Ask
Attack
Avoid
Be
Be at
Begin
Board
Bribe
Buy
Call
Carry
Climb
Close
Come
Count
Cross
Dig
Drag
Drop
Dump
Eat
Empty
Enter
Examine
Exit
Feed
Find
Fire
Fix
Fly
Freeze
Get
Give
Go
Help
Hit
Hop
Hurt
Inflate
Insert
Inspect
Inventory
Jump
Kill
Kiss
Leave
Lift
Look (L)
Need
Offer
Open
Pay
Point
Press
Pry
Pull
Purchase
Push
Put
Read
Remove
Repair
Rest
Run
Search
Seek
Shoot
Show
Shut
Sit
Sleep
Smell
Smile
Sniff
Speak
Spill
Start
Stop
Switch
Take
Talk
Touch
Turn
Uncover
Undrape
Use
Wait
Want
Wear

NOUNS

Air
Airplane
Amazon
Anaconda
Antenna
Backpack
Batteries
Beginner
Belt
Birdcage
Boat
Bones
Book
Booth
Box
Bribe
Cage
Camp
Carton
Cash
Cave
Chopper
Cigarettes
Cigs
Codebook
Coin
Coins
Computer
Cop
Courtesy
Cupboard
Customs
Cuzco
Desk
Destination
Director
Drape
Drawer
Envelope
Explorer
Flight
Floor
Food
Fridge
Friend
Fruit
Glimmer
Goggles
Gold
Ground
Gun
Helicopter
Hole
Hotel
Houston
Institute
Jacket
Jet
Kemani
Kit
Lamp
Laser
Leader
Letter
Lever
Lock
London
Los Angeles
Man
Medicine
Merchant
Mgubu
Miami
Mines
Money
Nairobi
Note
Notebook
Novice
Office
Officer
Pack
Paco
Paper
Parka
Parrot
Peru
Pit
Pits
Plane
Police
Raft
Rations
Refrigerator
Rifle
Rio
River
Rock
Rocks
Rope
Rubble
Scrap
Shelves
Shovel
Skeleton
Skull
Slabs
Smell
Smile
Snake
Stairs
Start
Stash
Statue
Stone
Stones
Tent
Tents
Throne
Ticket
Time
Tokyo
Tree
Trees
Trip
Tube
Vines
Wall
Walls
Water

DIRECTIONS

Away
Below
Descend
Down, D
East, E
In
Inside
North, N
Out
South, S
Up, U
West, W

MISCELLANEOUS

Friendly
Hello, Hi
No
Nothing
Okay (OK)
Off
On
Quiet
Restart
Still
Then
Trip
Yes

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